

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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(2) Cases of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Leavenworth County

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KAN. (March 18, 2020) – The Leavenworth County Health Department is announcing their first (2) positive cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Leavenworth County. The positive cases were identified through testing sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Laboratories.

The 1st affected individual is in their 40s that had recent International travel history and the 2nd affected individual is a female in her 20's who has had no recent travel history. Leavenworth County Health Department is working diligently to identify any close contacts of these individuals. Those that were exposed will be contacted by LVCOHD as soon as possible. Both individuals remain quarantined at their homes along with any family members at this time.

"Leavenworth County Health Department has been preparing the community and knew the virus would present itself to our county within a matter of time." said Jamie Miller, Leavenworth County Health Officer.

The Health Department urges the public to continue to take appropriate precautions. Everyone should practice good hygiene, stay informed, practice social distancing, and limit in-person interactions. If you are experiencing symptoms such as cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, call your healthcare provider or an urgent care clinic first to determine if testing is needed. If symptoms are mild, do not go to the emergency room, as this resource needs to remain available for those with the most critical needs.

Stay up-to-date by following the Health Department Facebook account or Leavenworth County webpage www.leavenworthcounty.gov/covid. For more information on visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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